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DRILLING PROGRESS IN THE AZNEFT' ASSOCIATION
DURING THE FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 1953

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

Ordzhonikidze Drilling Office

On 18 February 1953, Bakinskiy Rabochiy reported that the Ordzhonikidze Drilling Office of Drilling Trust No 1 had fulfilled the 1952 plan by only 77.1 percent. Aliyev, director of this office, was criticized for striving to increase his pool of equipment, rather than trying to utilize the full capacity of the equipment. Twenty-one drilling rigs, four more than the planned number, were being operated by the office.

The directors of Drilling Trust No 1 and of the Ordzhonikidze Drilling Office were criticized for procrastination in converting to the turbodrilling method in this sector. Vavilov was reported to be the manager of the trust. The Ordzhonikidze Drilling Office is the largest such office in the Azneft' Association.(1)

Kirov Drilling Office

According to Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 19 February 1953, the Kirov Drilling Office of Drilling Trust No 2 fulfilled the January drilling plan by 149 percent. Four oil wells above plan were turned over to the Kirovneft' Trust for operation.(2)

Of 21 April 1953, the same paper reported the drilling of multi-horizon oil wells on a major scale at the oil fields of the Kirovneft' Trust. During the previous 3½ months, 55 multi-horizon wells have been drilled. Production was obtained from 125 horizons at these 55 wells.(3)

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Izvestiya of 28 April 1953 stated that drillers were engaging in pre-May-Day competition at the old Binagadinskiy oil fields of the Kirovneft' Trust. The Kirov Drilling Office fulfilled the 4-month plan ahead of schedule and completed the drilling of nine oil wells above the plan.(4)

Azizbekov Drilling Office

On 29 March 1953, Bakinskiy Rabochiy reported that the Azizbekov Drilling Office was conducting the drilling of deep wells using the forced method. On 27 March, the drilling of oil well No 1411 was completed at a depth of 1,020 meters. The drilling of survey well No 1310, which had a planned depth of 3½ kilometers, was in progress. The Azizbekov Drilling Office fulfilled the first-quarter plan ahead of schedule; 4,200 meters were drilled above the plan.(5)

The same paper stated on 18 April 1953 that the Azizbekov Drilling Office also fulfilled the 4-month plan ahead of schedule.(6)

Leninskaya Drilling Office

According to Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 18 April 1953, the Leninskaya Drilling Office, during the first quarter 1953, exceeded the plan assignments with respect to all technical and economic indexes. The 3-month plan for drilling of exploitational oil wells was fulfilled by 143.4 percent, and the 3-month plan for the drilling of exploratory wells was fulfilled by 118 percent. Since the beginning of the year, the drillers had turned over 23 oil wells to the Leninneft' Trust for operation. On 16 April, the Leninskaya Drilling Office reported the fulfillment of the 4-month plan.(6)

Kobystan Drilling Office

On 24 April 1953, Bakinskiy Rabochiy reported that the Drilling office of Kobystanneft' Trust was using the turbodrill effectively and had fulfilled the 5-month plan ahead of schedule.(7)

Buzovny Drilling Office

Trud reported on 8 May 1953 that during the first quarter, the Buzovny Drilling Office drilled almost 18,000 meters more than planned and brought in eight deep wells above the plan. The cost of drilling was lowered by 9.8 percent.(8)

Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 21 May 1953 announced that Sharif Fatkuliye's brigade of the Buzovny Drilling Office had set a new all-Union record for speed of drilling. Oil well No 972 was drilled to a depth of 1,792 meters at a speed of 5,432.6 meters per machine-month, instead of 2,542.9 meters per machine-month, the plan speed.(9)

Exploitational Offshore Drilling Office of Stalinskiy Rayon

On 23 April 1953, Pravda reported that the Exploitational Offshore Drilling Office of Stalinskiy Rayon had fulfilled the 5-month plan ahead of schedule.

This same source reported that brigades of the Buzovny, Leninskaya, Stalinskaya, and Kirov drilling offices were performing drilling above that required by the 4-month plan.(10)

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Stalinskaya Drilling Office

According to Bakinskiy Rabochiy of 9 June 1953, the Drilling Office of the Stalinneft' Trust drilled about 6,000 meters above the 5-month plan and brought in seven oil wells above the plan.(11)

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